

### REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejection in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 2, 3, and 16-21 are pending. Claim 21 has been amended. Claims 16, 20, and 21 are independent.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. In response, while not conceding the propriety of the rejection, Claim 21 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the rejection. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this claim now be allowed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of Claims 2, 3, and 16-20.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the application is now in allowable form. Therefore, early passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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